

## **Stranahan Stewardship Committee Meeting**

August 17, 2015 Stranahan Town Forest 6:30 pm.

**Members Attending:** Diana Batzel, Jim Brimblecombe, Jenny Warshow, Ed Jalbert, (Guests) Sarah Fowler, Rich Phillips; Absent: John Domey

**Discussion:** Committee and guests walked the Thompson Road to assess the damaged culvert and new beaver dam; the road is no longer passable by vehicle or foot. Extensive work would be needed to repair the site. It was decided to ask the Select Board if they have any suggestions or resources available since the road is a class 4 road. A temporary mat or bridge was discussed as an option to at least make the road walk able and safer (as one member fell to their hip in the culvert on our walk). Ed said he would be willing to work on the mats and we could ask the bike club for help.

Rich Phillips has offered to do some brush hogging on the road and possibly the fields we would like to open up. He was present to evaluate accessibility which obviously is no longer possible from the Hollister Hill end of the Thompson Road. Diana offered to walk the Moon field entry with him in the near future.

The Committee voted to recommend to the Select Board that herbicide not be sprayed in the power line on the Stranahan land by the power company.

**Actions:** Diana will contact Select Board to recommend against herbicide spraying in the Town Forest, ask if they would discuss the culvert, and check to see if they have any objections to the brush hogging.

Next meeting Sept. 21, 2015 @6:30 pm Hollister Hill Parking lot.

**Agenda:** New business, check out brush hogging progress and new bike trail, culvert repair, get out of the woods before dark.

**Approved:** 9/21/15

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